



## Compact Goal

MCC signed a 5-year Compact with the Republic of Armenia in March 2006, which entered into force in September 2006. The Compact is designed to reduce rural poverty through a sustainable increase in the economic performance of the agricultural sector through a program of strategic investments in rural roads and irrigated agriculture. The program is being administered by MCA-Armenia ([www.mca.am](http://www.mca.am)), a state non-commercial organization established by the Government of Armenia. A Stakeholders' Committee allows for participation from Armenian civil society.

## Update on Progress

### Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project

- The Armenian government will rehabilitate 943 km of rural roads, which, when complete, will help ensure that rural communities have access to markets, services, and the main road network.
- MCA-Armenia has signed an implementing entity agreement with the Armenian Road Directorate, an entity affiliated with the Ministry of Transport, in January 2007 to manage the road rehabilitation activities.
- The design firm SWECO signed a contract with MCA-Armenia for the rural roads feasibility/design study in December 2006.

### Irrigated Agriculture Project: Infrastructure Activity

- MCA-Armenia is finalizing the procurement for the design and supervision of 21 irrigation schemes throughout Armenia. These activities will lead to improved water supply, higher yields, higher-value crops and a more competitive agricultural sector.
- In February 2007, MCA-Armenia signed an agreement with the Irrigation Project Implementation Unit. The PIU will oversee implementation of the civil works of the Irrigated Agriculture Project.

### Irrigated Agriculture Project: Water-to-Market Activity

- The Water-to-Market Project Manager contract for \$18.5 million was signed between MCA-Armenia and ACDI/VOCA. The Project Manager will be responsible for the implementation of this activity of the Irrigated Agriculture Project, which will boost farmer productivity and profitability through technical and credit assistance to farmers.
- Pilot phase training of 2000 farmers begun in May 2007, and should conclude before the end of the summer.

## Compact Status

Status..... Implementation, Year 1

## Compact Information

Total Amount..... \$235.65 million

Duration ..... 5 years

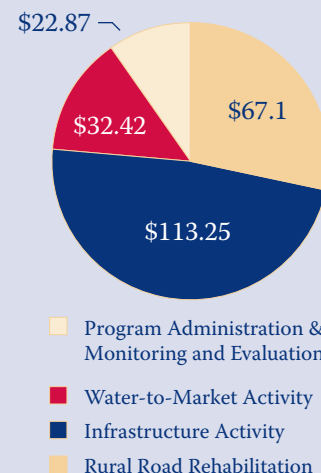
Compact Signed ..... 3-27-2006

## Country Information

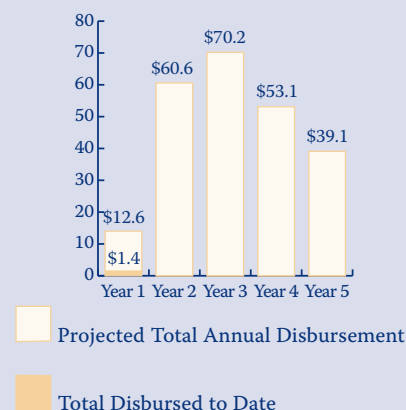
Population ..... 3,016,312

GNI Per Capita ..... \$1,470

## Obligations by Key Sector in millions



## Disbursement Schedule in millions



\*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005